THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the estimates of the Planning Commission, the rural population living below the poverty line has declined to 27.09% (30 day recall period) during 1999-2000, as compared to 37.27% during 1993-94.

The Ministry of Rural Development have been implementing schemes for employment generation, habitat development, infrastructure and area development and Social Security in the rural areas of all the States/Union Territories, including Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, for further improving the standard of living of the rural poor. These schemes have already shown a positive impact in the rural areas.

Financial assistance for rural infrastructure programmes

1885. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted financial assistance for rural infrastructure programmes in the different States of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development have provided financial assistance for creation of Rural Infrastructure under two programmes, namely, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY). The details of funds released to the State Governments under these programmes during the year 2001-02 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Funds Released to State Government during 2001-02

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	STATES	JGSY	PMGSY
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	9782.61	19000.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	514.09	4500.00
3	Assam	10965.32	7500.00
4	Bihar	15388.54	0.00
5	Chhatisgarh	4083.01	8700.00
6	Goa	145.98	500.00
7	Gujarat	3727.40	5000.00
8	Haryana	2197.13	3000.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	924.91	7000.00
10	J & K	1145.20	0.00
11	Jharkhand	12997.71	12000.00
12	Karnataka	7566.85	9500.00
13	Kerala	3310.16	2000.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	12276.62	22800.00
15	Maharashtra	14442.17	13000.00
16	Manipur	399.45	4000.00
17	Meghalaya	835.53	3500.00
18	Mizoram	234.54	2500.00
19	Nagaland	627.29	2000.00
20	Orissa	11107.59	17500.00
21	Punjab	1044.37	5500.00
22	Rajasthan	5689.05	13000.00
23	Sikkim	259.69	2000.00
24	Tamil Nadu	8772.79	8000.00
25	Tripura	1633.49	2500.00
26	Uttar Pradesh	30627.13	31811.00

1	2	3	4
27	Uttaranchal	1697.79	6000.00
28	West Bengal	12526.85	13500.00
29	A & N Islands	96.21	0.00
30	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00
31	D & N Haveli	63.51	500.00
32	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00
33	Delhi	0.00	500.00
34	Lakshadweep	24.12	489.00
35	Pondicherry	97.70	0.00
	ALL-INDIA:	175204.80	227800.00

Provision for grants under IAY for construction of houses destroyed in natural calamities

†1886. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provides grants under Indira Awaas Yojana for the reconstruction of houses destroyed during natural calamities;

(b) if so, whether the caste and reservation are given consideration for providing grant under the said Yojana;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) Requests from State Governments/Union Territory Administration are occasionally received for allocation of additional Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) houses for Below the Poverty Line victims of natural calamities in rural areas. Depending upon the availability, funds for the purpose are provided for the construction of additional houses as per IAY guidelines. During the current financial year, the Governments of Orissa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir have been provided Rs. 247.50 crore, Rs. 26.00 crore,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.